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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ian MacLachlan, et al.

Application No.: 09/243,102

Filed: February 2, 1999

For: SYSTEMIC DELIVERY OF
SERUM-STABLE PLASMID LIPID
PARTICLES FOR CANCER THERAPY

Examiner: J. Zara

Art Unit: 1635

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit this amendment and request reconsideration of the above-identified application. A Petition for a three month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before April 3, 2003. Applicants believe the current amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 6 as follows:

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4. (Once amended) A method of treating a neoplasia in a mammal in accordance with claim 2, wherein said gene is heterologous.